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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 3, 9-12, 19, 27 and 28 as being dependent from rejected base claims. As a result, Applicant has: incorporated Claim 3 into Claim 1; withdrawn Claim 3; incorporated Claim 1 into Claim 9; incorporated Claim 19 into Claim 14; withdrawn Claim 19; incorporated Claim 27 into Claim 25; withdrawn Claim 27; and, changed the dependencies of Claims 28, 30 and 33 from Claim 27 to Claim 25.

CONCLUSION

In this Response, Applicant has withdrawn Claims 3, 19 and 27, amended Claims 1, 9, 14, 25, 28, 30 and 33 and added no claims. Consequently, Claims 1, 2, 4-18, 20-26 and 28-34 are presently in the case. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 3, 9-12, 19 and 27-28 as being based on a rejected base claim. Applicant has used this as the basis for the amendments to the claims by incorporating Claim 3 into Claim 1, incorporating Claim 1 into Claim 9, incorporating Claim 19 into Claim 14, and incorporating Claim 27 into Claim 25. In amended Claims 1 and 14, the time period incorporated from Claim 3 and Claim 19, respectively, was changed from "from about 5 to about 10 minutes" to "from about 0.5 to about 20 minutes." The change is well supported in the specification (page 5, lines 11-13; page 15, lines 15-17; page 18, lines 9-17; and page 23, lines 11-13) and should not affect allowance of the claims.

In light of the above, the Claims are now believed to be allowable.

Reconsideration of all pending claims is hereby requested. If any informalities remain which may be cleared up by Examiner amendment, Applicant requests the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at his convenience.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 23-0280 for any payment deficiencies or overpayments associated with this matter.

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